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DEPT PLEASE PASS USCINCEUR
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, MASS, IR, SO
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IRANIAN AID TO SOMALIA
REF: (A) TEHRAN 5822

(B) TEHRAN 5960 (NOTAL)

1. REF A REPORTED GOVERNMENT OF IRAN INTEREST IN US VIEWS TOWARDS SOMALI REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS. REF B REPORTED GOI REQUEST FOR US APPROVAL OF TRANSFER TO SOMALIA OF LIMITED AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH GOI HAD OBTAINED FROM US SOURCES.
2. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER REQUEST FOR TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION REPRESENTS FIRM IRANIAN DECISION TO ACCEDE TO SOMALI REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT OR WHETHER IT AMOUNTS TO CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS BY IRANIAN MILITARY IN EVENT FORMAL DECISION IS TAKEN TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED
3. IN ANY EVENT, ONE RESULT OF REQUEST REPORTED REF B IS TO ENHANCE URGENCY OF EMBASSY REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A. IF US POLICY TOWARDS THESE ARMS TRANSFERS IS GOING TO BE NEGATIVE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT

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GOI BE INFORMED OF THIS FACT BEFORE IT BECOMES EMBARRASSINGLY COMMITTED. GOI WILL CERTAINLY FEEL THAT IT HAS GIVEN US EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE ITS FINAL DECISION ON THESE MATTERS AND TO STEER IT AWAY FROM POSITIVE COMMITMENT IF THAT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW. IT WILL, WITH CONSIDERABLE JUSTIFICATION, RESENT A BELATED NEGATIVE COUNSEL IF WE HAVE FAILED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR TIMELY REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE.

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